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SUBJECT: LEBANON: DOD VISITORS AND TRAINING TEAM LODGING REQUIREMENTS

Classified By: Charge d'Affairs a.i. Michele J. Sison for reasons 1.4 (a) and (b)

¶1. (S) The current Department of State Threat Level for Lebanon is critical,. All U.S. government visitors, including training missions, are required to lodge at the U.S Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon for Force Protection purposes and use Embassy Bodyguards and Heavily Armored Vehicles (HAV) for all travel.

¶2. (S) Department of Defense personnel, both military and civilian, fall under Chief of Mission (COM) authority in Lebanon. The Embassy is obligated to provide DoD personnel a similar level of force protection that Embassy personnel have.

¶3. (S) DoD personnel are authorized to lodge at the Embassy TDY facility (&Tango Inn8) which has 12 rooms (double occupancy) and is normally booked 30-60 days in advance. The larger the DoD training team, the further out a block of rooms will have to be reserved. ODC is currently rescheduling affected DoD missions based on availability of Embassy lodging.

¶4. (S) This message does not affect DoD civilian contractors who are not under COM authority or Joint Combined Exercises for Training (JCETs).

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